

## THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## **Public Library**

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## Free Wireless Internet Access Now Offered at Central Library

Wireless Internet is Also Available at Seven Branch Libraries

**SAN DIEGO** – The City of San Diego Public Library now offers free wireless Internet access to patrons at the Central Library. Anyone with portable computers that have 802.11b network interface cards can use the service.

Members of the public, with their own laptops or PDAs configured for wireless Internet, can now have unlimited access to the Internet throughout the first floor, and extending to parts of the second floor, of the Central Library. The range of the broadband broadcast also reaches to the area in front of the library where patrons can enjoy their espressos or cappuccinos in the outdoor coffee cart area while searching the Web.

"All City libraries have Internet-connected computers, but oftentimes they are so popular that patrons have a long wait before they can use them," said City Library Director Anna Tatár. "Free wireless Internet access can assist people doing research, obtaining information and simply checking and sending email."

The Library plans to eventually offer wireless access at all 35 locations.

With the addition of the Central Library, there are now a total of eight City libraries providing wireless Internet access. The San Diego Public Library is the first library system in the county to offer free wireless access. Libraries with wireless Internet include:

- Central Library, 820 E St., in downtown San Diego, 619-236-5800.
- Carmel Mountain Ranch Branch, 12095 World Trade Drive, 858-538-8181.
- La Jolla-Riford Branch, 7555 Draper Ave., 858-552-1657.
- Mission Valley Branch, 2123 Fenton Parkway, 858-573-5007.
- North Park Branch, 3795 31st St., 619-533-3972.
- Pacific Beach-Taylor Branch, 4275 Cass St., 858-581-9934.
- Point Loma-Hervey Branch, 3701 Voltaire St., 619-531-1539.
- San Carlos Branch, 7265 Jackson Drive, 619-527-3430.

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